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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006,
the term for response to which expires on August 17, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1, 20, 45
and 46 are amended; claims 2, 3, 21 and 22 are canceled; and
claims 4-19 and 23-44 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.